



Report of Accomplishments

Fiscal Year 2005

West Side Soil and Water Conservation District

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Counties Served Western Bonneville and Central Jefferson

Legislative District(s) 32, 33, 35

Function or Conservation District Mission

To deliver natural resource conservation technology and education to promote wise use of natural resources and management practices to ensure a sustainable natural resource base for present and future generations in the West Side Soil & Water Conservation District.

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

- 25 cooperators installed/maintained management practices to prevent wind erosion, improve grazing conditions, and enhance wildlife habitat
- 4 miles of cross fencing installed to enhance grazing management on 1800 acres
- 3 windbreaks installed to protect cropland from wind erosion and to enhance wildlife habitat
- 455 volunteers spent 623 hours cleaning canals of debris, thus protecting water quality in the canal systems that flow back to the Snake River.



Conservation District Priority # 1 Wind & Water Erosion

- 3 windbreaks installed – 5,662 trees/shrubs planted and 11,320 feet of fabric weed barrier laid to protect against wind erosion and enhance wildlife habitat.
- 1 sprinkler system (flood to pivot) installed to improve irrigation efficiency.
- 1800 acres rangeland treated through USDA Farm program EQIP

Conservation District Priority # 2 Water Quality

- Participated in Water Awareness Week activities with *Conservation Jeopardy* game for youth.
- 2 Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans written
- Adopt-A-Canal project – 455 volunteers spent 623 hours cleaning debris from waterways and collecting 657 garbage bags and numerous larger items

Conservation District Priority # 3 District Operations

- District Chairman met and/or communicated with County Commissioners the District's funding needs and concerns.
- Participated in Idaho Association of Conservation Districts (IASCDC) *Legislative Displays* at the State Capitol.
- Supervisors and Staff attended annual IASCDC Conference - objective: training opportunities and receive information necessary to carry out District programs and provide services to District cooperators.

Information & Education/ Public Outreach

- Coordinate District sponsored *Adopt-A-Canal* project – Objective: To increase awareness of protecting water quality from urban run-off and debris dumped into canals and waterways running through residential areas.
- Co-Sponsored a Weed Seminar with East Side SWCD – 55 participants – 3 pesticide recertification points were offered.
- Participated in the INEEL Science Expo with a Soils hands-on demonstration – youth and adults in attendance.
- Participated in Water Awareness Week activities for youths

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- Two Supervisors serve as co-chairmen on the Willow Creek WAG
- Member of Greater Idaho Falls Chamber of Commerce. Represented on Board of Directors and as Chairman of Agriculture Committee.
- Member and Sponsor of the High Country Resource Conservation Development (RC&D) Council

Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation Partners - to plan, design and implement best management practices to protect, enhance, and conserve Idaho's renewable natural resources.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
Bonneville County	District Operations	\$ 3,000.00
Jefferson County	District Operations	\$ 750.00
State of Idaho	District Operations	\$ 9,785.00
USDA Farm Programs	Conservation	\$52,700.00
TOTAL		\$66,235.00

Idaho Conservation Districts assisting landowners & operators with their conservation choices

